



## **Kendrea Smith, Langston University- c/o 2019, Family and Consumer Sciences**



**Name :** Kendrea Smith

**Your HBCU :** Langston University

**Graduation Year :** 2019

**Major :** Family and Consumer Sciences

### **1. Where are you from? Who introduced you to HBCUs?\***

I'm from Fayetteville, North Carolina so the idea of an HBCU was never foreign to me because there is one in the city and 25 more in the surrounding areas.



"Langston University is a family school..."

### **2. Why did you choose an HBCU over a pwi?\***

Growing up in a southern culture and then moving to the Midwest in the middle of high school to a state that only has 1 HBCU is a culture shock to say the least. I always wanted to go to an HBCU because of the culture. It was even more so then because of the culture shock I had just endured. My HBCU feels like home and I just didn't get that feeling when I went and toured the PWIs. I was accepted and even offered scholarships to other schools but it's just something about Langston University that gives me a sense of honor that I just don't feel anywhere else.

### **3. What is the story of your "experience" at Your HBCU given its heralded status as a stellar and prestigious institution?\***

Langston University is a family school to say the least. I've had multiple family members from each side go forth and graduate. So being a part of a legacy is something I truly cherish and hold near to my heart. Other people who know of Langston always say it's a party school but it's much more than that. It's a family. The way we can all come together when there is a tragedy or even when just one of us are doing great we all come together to support them is something I love being apart of.

### **4. "First time" experiences at your HBCU?\***

I've so many first time experiences that have shaped how I am today that it's not even funny. Some good some bad but I've learned from all of them.

### **5. Who are the professors that have impacted your life in and out of the classroom? How did they do that?\***

Dr. Coleman, Ms. Childs, and Dr. Peterson are just some of the professors I've had over the course

of the years I've been here. They've really taught not only accountability but also responsibility and respect.



"My HBCU feels like home..."

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